

FROM NEW MARKET, VA.

In the last issue of the EVANGELIST I see many interesting letters from different brethren organizations, and one thing of great importance to me is seeing and hearing of so many precious souls being brought to Christ, as well as the many able articles on different subjects of divine inspiration. I have often thought how much I would like to express my thoughts in the EVANGELIST, as they appear before me, but feel as my ability as a pastor is so limited that I would do injustice to ask the space when more able writers can fill up the valuable columns of the paper which is a welcome visitor to our family; in fact I cannot see how one Christian in the Brethren church can afford not to have this good companion to visit them 50 times in a year. I just now say that I hope you may have enough EVANGELISTS of last issue, March 11, to mail me one dozen extra copies for distribution. Brother Geo. A. Copp has been our pastor at New Market for the last year. He preached his farewell sermon for us last Sunday night a week ago. His theme was love. I have heard great many of the congregation to express themselves as being more than pleased with his sermon. One old sister, not of our church, said it was the best sermon she ever heard. We were lothe to part with Brother Copp but duty called him elsewhere; our prayers go with him in his new field. Brother E. B. Shaver has been chosen as our pastor for the ensuing year and brother W. H. Spiggle as our assistant. Send me sample copy of all the tracts you have on hand, (one of Brother Bashor's histories of the church before the World's Fair if you have it,) so that I can make selections to suit best for this territory. Also one of the Brethren S. S. Quarterlies. Find enclosed 15 cents to pay postage. Brethren pray for us.

S. P. FOGLE.

March 16.

FROM CORNELL, ILL.

It has been about three months ago since a church report was sent in from here for publication. Well, we are glad to write that we are still at it for the Lord and the cause which is so dear and near to every Christians heart. We, of course, have our troubles and difficulties to overcome "and what church or individual is there that has not." But one great beauty of a Christian's life is that when obstacles do come in the way, he is ever ready to make them right. Our first quarterly meeting of 1896 came off on the 10 inst., at which meeting peace and harmony prevailed, and the meeting was a good one. Our pastor, Brother Bawman, was with us

again over Sunday a week ago, his intention is "no providential interference" that on the 4th day of May to start a series of revival meetings.

Brethren and sisters everywhere we ask you in the name of the Lord to pray for us that the Lord may be with our pastor and his people here in their efforts to save precious souls, and that our people may be much built up in this part of our Masters vineyard. We feel that much good can be done in the name of God's only Son, and when life here is ended may we all meet in that country of bliss and beauty to be with our Savior evermore, is the prayer of your brother in Christ.

J. J. VANDERREE, Cor. Sec.

GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

The wayside is not always pleasant to travel. The thorns and briars grow by the wayside. The stones of stumbling lay along the wayside. The man going down to Jericho was attacked by the wayside, and the enemies hide by the wayside, and along the wayside afflictions come. I am at home once more after the conflict of the winter is over, but almost worn out, and for the last week have been wrestling with the grippe, which will prevail remains to be seen. We are trusting in the Lord, that he will carry us through. We are laying up for repairs at present. A few more sheaves have been garnered since our last report. One more added to the Pleasant Hill church at our last regular meeting, and three at Maple Grove, Indiana.

Of this number one was the brother and his wife of G. W. Rensch our esteemed brother in the ministry. So the work moves on. Our gleanings must be short this time. It tires me to write. With good will to all. I remain as ever, a brother in the Lord.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

AT WORK.

As it has been some time since I have reported, many of you may think I have changed my motto and business, but have done neither. The last report was from Warsaw, Ind. Since then I have visited Milford, Nappanee, Gravelton and Syracuse, Ind. and West Independence, Ohio, and from here I went home to spend the holidays, where I arrived Dec. 18, and found them all well, after an absence of fifty-nine days for which I was very thankful to our heavenly Father. After three weeks rest and enjoyment with our family and friends at home, on Jan. 8, I again bid adieu to family and started for Ashland, O., to receive instructions and a

supply of papers, tracts and books, and on Jan. 10, well loaded, I bordered the train for the state of Indiana, and began work with the brethren at Union Salam church, and since then I have visited N. Manchester, Roann, New Enterprise, Mexico, Tyner and Loree, Ind. From here I again closed the work to visit my family and to take a small needed rest through the stormy and muddy month of March. I was permitted again, after being away fifty-nine days, to enjoy their association through the kind providence of our Heavenly Father for which we were all very thankful. In all, I have been out one hundred and eighteen days, visited seventeen churches, have more than doubled the number of subscriptions in those churches. As a whole have preached over one hundred sermons, besides selling Bibles, tracts, books and Sunday-school and K. C. supplies; and while the work is hard I have enjoyed it so far very well, for I have been made very welcome by the brethren every where. And at this time I want to thank them one and all for their very kind and Christian treatment I received at their hands and especially those with whom I made my home while among them, and trust that the Lord will abundantly bless them in their efforts to enlarge the work in the several churches I have visited; it gives me much pleasure to say that I found them in a prosperous condition, with a few exceptions, and the outlook with those was promising, and hopes for a brighter future was close at hand, and one church has had reasons to rejoice since I visited them. I find Indiana a very promising field for the Brethren church. I am also pleased to find every where a desire among the Brethren to advance into a higher spiritual life. And I want to say in behalf of those brethren that have reported as having advanced so that they could not sin they have been misunderstood, and do not make any such claims but that Christians ought to be so thoroughly consecrated to Christ that they will not sin willfully or want to sin; and I wish every brother and sister in the Brethren church were such.

I expect to continue the work in Indiana until the state is canvassed. I only wish the churches would secure a good local agent like brother John Lowmsn, of Roann, and brother Peter Fisher, of Mexico, who had made a thorough canvass and sent in a good list before I visited them, for there is so much other work I can do. With best wishes to all I am as ever yours,

ISAAC ROSS.

"Good intentions are good as a beginning; but alas! for him who stops there."